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SUBJECT: FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TOUR OF FIVE AMERICAN CITIES

IN SUPPORT OF TOURISM PROMOTION (OBJ IV) AND CULTURAL

VITALITY OF AMERICAN ARTS (OBJ 111)

1. CAO HAS WORKED OUT ITINERARY FOR FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TOUR OF U.S. FOR LEBANESE FOR BETWEEN FIFTEEN AND THIRTY CREATIVE-INTELLECTUALS AND CULTURAL LEADERS TO BE HANDLED BY LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY. PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS SELECTED FROM TARGET AUDIENCE LISTS AND INVITED TO JOIN. WHILE TRAVEL AGENCY WILL MAKE ALL BOOKINGS AND ARRANGEMENTS, POST NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXACT INFORMATION ABOUT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES IMMEDIATELY. WILL FORWARD COPIES OF ITINERARY AND PROMOTIONALS IN PACKET. MEANWHILE, NEED RESPONSE ASAP TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (WITH INFORMATION ON MATINEE OR EVENING AND EXACT PERFORMANCE TIME):

2. SEPT. 4 - BOSTON: POPS OR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS, MODERN DANCE OR BALLET, THEATER, ESPECIALLY CHARLES ST. PLAYHOUSE. SEPT. 6 THROUGH SEPT. 12 - NEW YORK. WE HAVE METROPOLITAN SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION ABOUT THEATER. NEED TO KNOW WHAT DANCE OR BALLET AND CONCERTS GOING ON THIS PERIOD, IN-DOOR OR OUT-DOOR.

SEPT. 13 - WASHINGTON, D.C. NEED SCHEDULE FOR WOLF TRAP FARMS, ARENA THEATER, KENNEDY CENTER, FORD THEATER, ETC. SEPT. 17 THROUGH 20 - SAN FRANCISCO. DANCE, THEATER, UNCLASSIFIED

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MUSIC OR OTHER PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS.

SEPT. 21 - CONFIRM IF MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON IN AFTERNOON.

SEPT. 23 - WHAT PERFORMANCES AT LOS ANGELES CIVIC CENTER (ESP. MARK TAPER FORUM OR LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC) OR OTHER THEATERS.

ALSO NEED INFORMATION ON WHAT OPENING NY AFTER SEPTEMBER  $26\ \text{FOR}$  THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO STAY ON EXTRA WEEK OR TWO.

- 3. RECOGNIZE NOT PROVIDING MUCH LEAD TIME FOR INFORMATION (REQUIRED BEFORE AUGUST 5 SO TRAVEL AGENCY CAN BOOK TICKETS), BUT, GIVEN EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF THIS INITIATIVE IN PROMOTING SPECIAL INTEREST TOURISM FOR IMPORTANT AUDIENCE GROUPS, APPRECIATE ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.
- 4. FOR SIVARD FROM HEDITSIAN; APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING EYE ON INTERESTING GALLERY AND MUSEUM SHOWS THESE FIVE CITIES. HAVE LISTED THEM ON TOUR BUT OBVIOUS SOME MORE IMPRTANT THAN OTHERS AT MOMENT DEPENDING ON SPECIAL SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE. GODLEY

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